

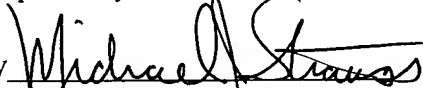
Remarks

The allowance of claims 27 – 46 and the indication of allowability of claims 20 – 26 subject to being rewritten in independent form is acknowledged and appreciated. So as to expedite issuance of a patent including the allowed claims, claims 20, 23 and 24 are rewritten in independent form and rejected claims 17 – 19 are cancelled without prejudice, disclaimer or surrender of Applicant's rights which are specifically reserved to include subject matter similar or identical to that of the cancelled claims or any other claims supported by the present disclosure in a future continuing application.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. WO-432.005 CON from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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